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My Dear Asa Gray

Peccavi - Those Orchids of Weymouth  
lie heavily on my conscience. Un-  
fortunately an accident to my hand  
has for more than 17 years prevented  
my holding a dissecting knife: and  
then the International Exhibition  
has for many months wholly ab-  
sorbed me! Now, on, at the grand  
ceremonial (really a very grand one) that  
came off yesterday I hope that my  
daily bondage experienced a serious  
diminution, and one of my first  
acts will be to work up these Or-  
chids. But it is a "big job."  
Though not so big as something  
you know of. I hope to be more  
successful than your great Ad.

Very truly yours

R. G.